

In the Claims

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A method for treating hepatocellular carcinoma comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition **consisting essentially consisting** of thalidomide as a single principle ingredient in an amount of 30 to 1200 mg and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the amount of thalidomide is 50 to 800 mg.